

CHAPTER V

TRADE UNION ANATOMY

IN the first volume of her fascinating *Memories of Lenin*, Krupskaya, his wife and life companion in work, records how, during their years of exile in Siberia, between 1898 and 1901, "In the mornings, Vladimir Ilyitch and I set to and translated the Webbs, which Stiuve had obtained for us " It was from this translating that this other remarkable pair acquired such English as they brought with them, when, in their second period of exile, they came to London in 1902 Their spoken English then proved unintelligible to the natives, nor did they then or ever meet the authors with whom they had been busy The work that occupied them in their Mmussink mornings was of course *The Histoty of Tiade Unionism* when it came to the second part of what Krupskaya calls "the Webbs," *Industrial Democracy*', although Lenin's name was affixed to this translation also, the actual work had been done by another hand

Lenin's swift recognition was a blight symbol of the effect, first in England itself and, veiy soon in every country of the world, including in due course China and Japan, produced by the publication of the first joint product of the labour of the partners There aie a few books, in history, which are events, and are iccogmsed as events on their appealance *The History of Tiade Unionism* was one of these Reviews of a column or more length, on the day of publication, in all the leading journals, sounded

a universal chorus of admiration In approach,
in handling,